

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Sarma Karsiere,

Plaintiff,

v.

Variable Annuity Life Ins. Co. et al.,

Defendants.

No. 2:21-cv-01728-KJM-KJN

ORDER

In this case regarding beneficial interests of a deferred annuity contract, defendant/counterclaim plaintiff Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC) moves for leave to retain the annuity subject to a legal hold or, in the alternative, to deposit funds. Mot., ECF No. 3. Counterclaim defendants Brian Heilman and Karen Bearson filed separate statements of non-opposition. ECF Nos. 12 & 13. Good cause appearing, **the court takes the matter under submission and grants the motion.**

On September 22, 2021, VALIC filed its counterclaim for interpleader relief. Mot. ¶ 1. VALIC claims no title or interest in the annuity and is ready and willing to pay the funds in the annuity to the proper beneficiary. *Id.* ¶ 2.

Accordingly, the court grants VALIC leave to retain and administer the annuity contract number 2551480, held by the decedent, Robert J. Heilman, until the court issues an order

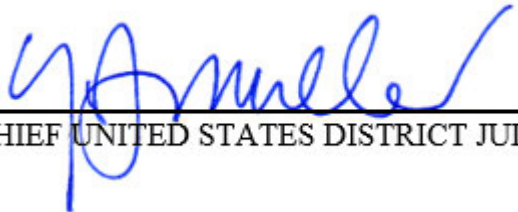
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1 identifying the proper beneficiary at issue in this action for disbursement of the funds. As of
2 September 22, 2021, the account value of the annuity was approximately \$87,130.67.

3 IT IS SO ORDERED.

4 This order resolves ECF No. 3.

5 DATED: November 10, 2021.

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8 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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